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## Good Citizen

Rosalie Rosser was very surprised to be named "Good Citizen of the Year" at Wendell Old Home Day. Selectboard member Ted Lewis said that while many people in Wendell deserve it, Rosalie's community efforts have touched the most people.

Rosalie started Good Neighbors almost two years ago. She wanted to see neighbors helping each other and sharing. The basic requirement of food seemed like a good place to start. She organized a weekly "food pantry" so that surplus food could be shared.

The food comes from various sources. Some of it is donated by groups or individuals; this food can be shared by anyone. Other foodstuffs come from the USDA and the Western Mass. food bank; for these foods there are income restrictions. The Good Neighbors Food Bank is open to Wendell residents at the Senior Center on Sundays from 5-6P.M.

According to Rosalie, Good Neighbors needs "all sorts of help". One way to get involved is to attend Council meetings. They are held every two weeks on Sundays at 11:00am outside the Meetinghouse. The next meeting is August 15th.

Before establishing the Good Neighbors, Rosalie was instrumental in preserving the Meetinghouse for community use. The Meetinghouse was no longer being used as a church. It was closed and in desperate need of repair. Rosalie helped organize volunteers to help repair the building and they organized fund-raisers to pay the building's insurance bills. Their combined efforts allowed the Meetinghouse to reopen.

Rosalie has a vision of Wendell as a self-sufficient community. Good Neighbors, the Meetinghouse, Peace Day, the many arts and crafts fairs and dances she's organized are all a part of this vision.

Rosalie was born in Athol and has lived in this area all her life except for four years in Maine. She fell in love with Wendell as a teenager when her sister lived in the house where the Depot Post Office is located.

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## Illegal Forest Dump

During or after Wendell's mud season this year, a person or persons unknown backed a big truck into the Wendell State forest and dumped a large pile of rubbish into a clearing full of ferns and blueberry bushes. Among the stuff dumped I saw the following items: car batteries, tires and wheels, old lumber, clothing, beer bottles, tie-dyeing apparatus, potting soil bags, insulation,full black plastic trash bags, soy milk cartons and juice bottles. It appeared that the truck used had double wheels on the rear axle. The incident was reported to the Board of Health, and it is hoped that a picky-picky investigation of the rubbish will lead to identification of the perpetrator(s).

Park Supervisor, Hal Stowell, and his crew will have to clean up the mess. The rubbish will be taken to the WRATS and deposited in the open-top, by agreement with the Board of Health. Voters should notice that this means that Wendell's taxpayers are bearing part of the cost of the clean-up, at a time when state payments in lieu of taxes have greatly diminished.

Persons who have the time and feel so inclined are invited to help with the clean-up, which will take place in early September. This is likely to be a messy, smelly job, so the larger the crew, the quicker it will get done. Watch the Town Posting Places for the date. Come along and join the unsung heroes who clean up other peoples' messes.

Bob Ellis

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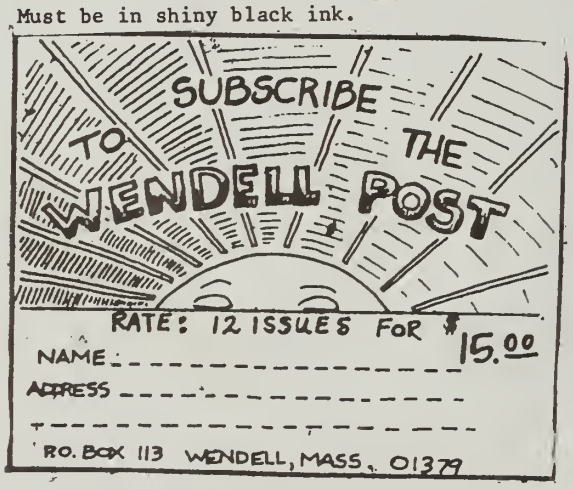


# LETTERS

AN OPEN LETTER

We would like to express acknowledgement and appreciation to Apollo Compagnone and Kuumba Piazza for their years of service in providing free healthful breads to the Wendell community.

Many Thanks!
The Golash Family


WENDELL'S ORIGINAL

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FALL SCHEDULE, 1993

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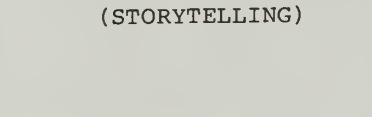

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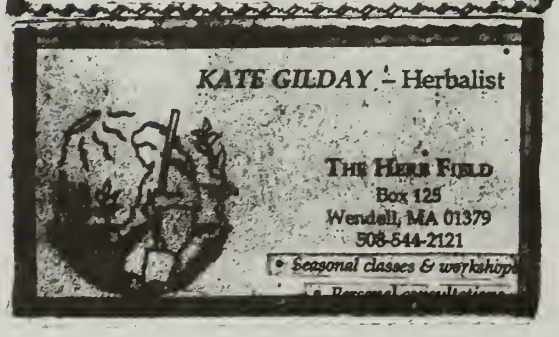

The GOOD NEIGHBORS met on July 18 at the Meeting House on the Town Common. The agenda included the following:

1) Research done on food value of various brands of juice and cereal.
2) Update of Good Neighbors at "Old Home Day"
3) Report on response to the new time for the "food sharing".
4) Policy considerations
5) Current situation of Council
6) Time of meetings
7) Sharing nutrition information posters, flyers, media

It was suggested that we try to clarify the purposes, goals and intentions of the GOOD NEIGHBORS for ourselves and for others. Those present would like to feel that the vision of Wendell as a community where we all help each other in whatever ways we can is being carried out in one particular way through the sharing of food. So we don't have to think of one group "distributing" food but of all of us participating in a common effort to nourish ourselves, our friends and the good earth.

Any community members who have information about food products that might be helpful for others to have could contact the Good Neighbors Group. Posters and flyers can be used to publicize these findings.

Rosalie reported that the "Old Home Day" Good Neighbors' "Serve your own Sundae" and "Duck Pond" were very successful. Also...the change in time of food sharing to ***SUNDAYS FROM 5 TO 6*** PM has worked out well with more people participating and more food available than in the recent past.

There is still a NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with various tasks related to the food project. We could contact agencies that provide volunteers but we would hope to have most of the time and effort contributed from within the community.

Please contact Rosalie for further information. 544.6850

The next meeting will be SUNDAY AUGUST 1. at 11:00 AM at the Meeting House. All are welcome!!!

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The Enchanted Forest Summer Arts and recreation Program enjoyed children from Wendell, New Salem, Shutesbury, Leverett, Belchertown, Greenfield, Gill, Amherst and Cambridge coming together to create incredible works of art.

Week one found us waxing and dying, creating batiks and tie dyes. The children drew their first and second drafts working through their own creative process.

Kerry Verney Stone was our artist in residence week two. The children created tree spirit masks and bird feeders while learning various textural techniques. Fimo clay was a fun and colorful addition! The creatures created were phenomenal! The campers created individual as well as group projects.

Week three, Nature week, was a gift to us all at the Herb Field in Kate Gildays garden. We identified flowers and trees, made healing salves and oils as we tuned into the spirit of Mother Earth through songs and games.

Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin led us to Bremen Town and back again with her fantastic masks and puppets during week four. With their own characters on stage, the children delighted an audience of parents and friends. The season closed in theatrical splendor!

As well as art, The Enchanted Forest campers enhanced their swimming skills with our instructor and Senior counciler Kristina Hartjens at Ruggles Pond, Wendell State Forest. There we enjoyed new games, swimming and free play! A super summer!

Thanks goes out to Hal Stowell and his staff for a clean and safe environment. A special thanks to Al Miller, who drove the bus to Ruggles each day and was so very available to help us in many ways. A very special thank you to the Scholarship Doners who so generously afforded 9 area children to attend the Enchanted Forest Summer Arts Program free of charge. Bless you both! We are grateful to the Wendell Selectboard for their ever present support and encouragement as we contiue to provide a safe and fun environment for our communities' children to be part of.

We are so pleased to have had our Junior councilers on on staff, rounding out the camp; adding a youthful perspective to the fun and games. We thank you all for being there.

Thanks too, to all the parents who's support was such an integral part of our program.

Last but not least we send our graditude and love to the creative spirit in each child that touched our lives in this 1993 Summer season.

Heres looking forward.....

Mez and Gail

# More Kid's Art

After School Program
Offered September 1, 1993

The Enchanted Forest will be offering an after school Art and Recreation Program beginning Wednesday, September 1, 1993 and continuing through the school year, June, 1994. The program will be avalable from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The 11:30 time slot is made available for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children that attend Swift River School. The Enchanted Forest After School Arts Program will take place at the Wendell Meeting House and the Town Hall as well as on the common, in the Wendell Free Library and on the town playground. Children will get off the school bus at the Meeting House after each dismissal (11:30 a.m., 12:50, Wednesday early day, and 2:50 dismissals).

Fees will be pro-rated as to number of hours needed and number of children per family. There will be an enrollment cap and drop-ins (last minute calls and only occaisional attendence will be charged $3.00 per hour. Contracts will be made available for parents and there will be a non-refundable deposit for long term contracts. Snacks will be provided. We will be mailing flyers to families in Wendell, New Salem and the surrounding communities mid August. Enrollment for the after school program will start the last week of August. Questions? Please call Mez at 544-6252 or Gail at 544-6362.

Rosalie Rosser, founder of Wendell Good Neighbors and recipient of 1993 Good Citizen. Photo by Linda Hickman.

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Rosalie "has had a very full and inspired life" and has "worn many hats" in her 58 years. She bore 10 children, lost three, and fosterparented other children as well. She has 14 grandchildren.

She's worked in factories, as a nurse, a counselor, taught nutrition, and helped create an alternative school and an intentional community. She operated a vegetarian drive-in theater and restaurant in Hadley, a busy campground in Maine, and a gift shop. She also designs costumes and custom clothing.

She shares her "life, dreams, and quest for truth with Bob who is an accomplished musician and beautiful soul in our haven on Old Lock Hill Rd."

Linda Hickman

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 8, 1993 - Minutes -

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/also present: Regina Curtis, Admin. Ass't. and Elizabeth Scully, Selectboard Clerk/minutes read and approved/correspondence reviewed.

Bob Leet attended the meeting to discuss the Engineer's report on the Wendell Recycling and Transfer Station and report on the Board of Health's findings regarding the D&B Landfill.

Dean Bennett was also present to discuss the status of the Landfill. He assured the Board he was not considering selling his business in Wendell, although his monetary return has been poor of late.This, he said, is due to competition of unlined landfills which the State has allowed an extension of time.

The Board will consider the pros and cons of Mr. Bennett's desire to buy contaminated soil from "Amrac", American Reclamation. They, Amrac, will construct a 75 by 30 ft. building on the landfill site for processing the soil and rending it clean for cover of the landfill.

Margo Culley spoke of her concerr regarding the Northfield Landfill and Mr. Bennett's involvement with it. He assured her he would not neglect his duties in Wendell. His tasks in Northfield will be of an administrative and advisory nature.

Through the efforts of Regina Curtis, and the generosity of NETCO, the Town of Wendell will soon become the recipient of a used generator valued at $7000.00.

The Override Election Ballot questions were approved by the Board.

Donnie Richardson, Rick Droen, Steve Gross and Mrs. Lelito.abutters of the Town Garage, attended the meeting to voice their strong objections to caged wildlife suspected of possible rabies being boarded at that site. The Selectboard will discuss this further and request input from Maggie Houghton.

The Pole Hearing for Farley Rd. and West St. is scheduled for July 13, 1993.

Margo Culley gave a report on the Good Neighbors meeting she attended on Sunday at the Meeting House. She mentioned the degree of frustration felt by those by few people who are running the program. Ms. Culley suggested Rosalie Rosser speak with Regina Curtis re: the possibility of a grant to assist the program financially.

Selectboard received a positive response from Senator Wetmore to their plea he oppose the D E M's proposed policy to allow Off Road Vehicles in sections of the Wendell State Forest.

Anne Zak was elected the Treasurer of STAR. They hope to designate one week this summer as "In Lieu of Taxes Week" and have all 250 towns recognize it as such.

The Selectboard agreed to observe a summer schedule of meetings. They will meet every other week during the months of July and August.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Scully

Selectboard Clerk

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 15, 1993 - Minutes -

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/Minutes read and approved/Warrants signed/Correspondence reviewed.

Board members agreed to return Mr. Costello's$50.00 rental fee for the Town Hall. Poor weather (blizzard) prevented him from using the facilities.

Maggie Houghton informed the Board she is willing to house caged guarantined (rabies suspect) animals on her property. This, after being informed of the objections of several abutters of the Town Garage, the original space designated for this purpose.

Board members discussed the progress of the work being done on the Toiwn Hall. Pleased with Mr. Chaison's painting of the building, they lamented the fact that funding is not available to paint the other town buildings.

A discussion of the Community Action forms for future plans for Wendell led to a lengthy wish list whch included such things as: public water supply for the Town Hall, Town Common drainage and landscaping, new electric wiring for Town Offices, construction of permanent Town Offices in the Old Fire Station, an In-Service Training which might cover, among other things, an Anti-Intolerance Forum, a Health Clinic, etc.

Board members then perused the Swift River School Board's evaluation of Union # 28's Superintendent.

The need for two new members for the Finance Committee was mentioned. Two names suggested for the positions were Laurel Brenneman and Byron Ricketts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 22, 1993 - Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/Minutes read and approved/Warrants signed/Correspondence reviewed.

Tony Dieman and Divea Shinn attended the meeting with a complaint against a neighbor (aMr. Roper). The Selectboard advised them to check with the Mediation Board of Greenfield.

7:30 p.m. - All Board Meeting - Members of the Finance Committee attending were: Dan Keller, Lee Trousdale, and Don Richardson. Conservation Commission - Charles Smith and Mason Phelps. Tax Assessors - Jesse Wetherby and Frank Citano. Planning Board - Peter Rooney. Town Accountant - Janice Barrett. Cultural Committee - Bob Ellis. Administrative Assistant - Regina Curtis.

A lengthy and thorough discussion of the needs of each Town Department and the desires of its members ensued. A rather formal "Wish List" of all present resulted.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and will resume on Monday morning, June 28, 1993 at 9:00a.m. At which time the Selectboard will meet with Steve Nagie of Lake Grove Maple Valley School for a scheduled tour of the school.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 28, 1993 - Minutes -

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m./Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis. The Selectboard participated in a prescheduled tour of the Lake Grove Maple Valley School and its facilities with Steven Nagie and other staff members of the school. They discussed public safety concerns and the recent staff changes at the school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 29, 1993 - Minutes -

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m./minutes read and approved/Board members signed warrants and reviewed correspondence before adjourning to the Wendell Town Hall to attend the Wendell Special Town Meeting at 7:00p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting Thursday July 8, 1993 - Minutes -

This meeting was planned and posted by the Selectboard to meet with Monica Baker regarding her horse which was found unattended and wandering the streets of Wendell. Present at the meeting were: Selectboard members Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were : Monica Baker, Frank Carey,Manager of horse stables located in Leverett, and Tim O'Dell

Ted Lewis, Chairman of the Selectboard, reviewed for Ms. Baker the episode of May 1993 when her horse was impounded for destruction of private property while unattended in Wendell. He reminded her that at that time she was fined and told to keep the horse out of Wendell unless well tethered and cared for. Selectman, Lewis also explained the responsibility of the town should an accident occur because of the horse.

Ms. Baker said she had made arrangements with Mr. Carey to board her horse at his stable and promised the horse would never again be staabled in Wendell. Selectboard members agreed to return the horse to Ms. Baker under the conditions that she pay the $125.00 fee owed to Wendell and on Mr. Caeey's promise to call the Board of Selectmen if the horse was removed from his care.

Ms. Baker paid the $125.00 fee and Ted Lewis went with her to Mr. Wilder's farm to release the horse.

The Board members then signed the 1994 appointment forms.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

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Wendell selectboard Meeting July 13, 1993 - Minutes -

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis/also present were: Regina Curtis, Administrative Assistant, and Elizabeth Scully, Selectboard Clerk/minutes read and approved/warrants signed/correspondence reviewed.

Board members questioned the low fee of $25.00 to the Full Moon Coffee House. This is half the price of other renters of the Town Hall. It was decided to write to inform them of the increase.

Ted Lewis gave a report on the progress of the Wendell Well Fund.

Danny Baciagalupo attended the meeting to discuss the Davis Road Bridge. The Town of Montague is applying for a grant to repair it and Wendell may participate if the details of the grant are agreeable.

At 7:30p.m. the Farley Road Pole Hearing began. Matthew Hurley from NETC (New England Telephone Company) joined the meeting. There was no abutter present from Farley Rd. but Sharon Connelly called to ask if underground wires on her property would be disturbed in the process of erecting poles. Mr. Hurley assured her they would not.

The West St. Pole Hearing started at 7:45p.m. Interested abutters attending were Kathleen Swaim and Mr. and Mrs. Citano.

Mr. Hurley explained that Wendell and other rural areas have been neglected and the time has come to upgrade some of the equipment. He said there is a need to place poles between the 300 ft.space previously used. When questioned by the Board regarding fiber optic cables he said only towns the size of Boston warrant it and this because of the number of big businesses using a great number of computers etc. When questioned further, Mr. Hurley said the magnetic field of electricity was no higher than 1300 volts which is not greater than in the past. Changes being made are in the way the wires are connected. Four wires are joined in a helix effect for strength (fallen tree limbs, etc.)

Anne Zak asked if the Town of Wendell should petition the utility companies for state of the art equipment now so the town will be ready for cable in the future. Mr. Hurley assured her they are using the latest equipment in Wendell and all small towns at present. He did suggest, however, that the Board write to the companies, with copies to legislators, and ask for coaxial cable to be installed.

Bob Leet attended the meeting to question the need for a survey of the landfill land. Board members decided this would be an added expense unless required by the State.

Mr. Leet also requested volunteer help at the Wrats during vacation time for regular workers.

Regina Curtis said New Salem was once more requesting truck exclusion regulations for Moosehorn Road and Wendell Road.

Judith Wilder,Town Treasurer, attended the meeting with a request she be allowed to issue mandatory payments if signatures can not be acquired from Selectmen/Accountant because of the summer schedule. The Board members agreed.

Regina Curtis told the Board that all of the letters regarding STAR (Small Towns Against Repression) have gone out to the other small Towns of Massachusetts reminding them that the week of July 19, 1993 is set aside for In-lieu-of-taxes requests from the State.

Regina Curtis suggested a contest for a 4x6 cotton batting flag design for Wendell to be flown at the Statehouse. The Selectboard were enthusiastic about such a contest.

The meeting recessed at 9:04 p.m. and will reconvene on Friday July 16, 1993 at 9:00am when the Selectboard will meet with Ed Chase,Wendell's Police Chief.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting July 16, 1993 - Minutes -

The July 13th Selectboard meeting recessed rather than adjourn in order to reconvene on Friday the 16th at 9:00 a.m. for the convenience of Police Chief, Edward Chase, who is unable to attend evening Selectboard meetings. Present at the meeting were: Selectboard members Margo Culley, Anne Zak, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Police Chief Edward Chase.

Selectboard members wanted to discuss ORV's and the legality of their use in the Wendell State Forest. Police Chief Chase said ORV's and snowmobiles which are unlicensed but registered with a sticker rather than plates are allowed on the berm of a road in town but their use, at the present time, is illegal in the State Forest. A change in the law would tax the Wendell Police Department whose limited budget requires they respond to emergencies only.

Response to recent complaints from residents of Wickett Pond and Bullard Pasture Roads will be dealt with by way of a stake-out of sorts. That is, police will ask residents to specify a time of day when the road is being used illegally and the police will be there to ticket the abusers of the law.

Board members and Police Chief Chase lamented the fact that the roads in the State Forest have eroded from constant use of logging trucks and the States failure to maintain them properly.

The recent Lake Grove School episode prompted the Selectboard and Chief Chase to discuss protocol for future similar incidents. It was agreed the State Police, Social Services, and the Wendell Police should be notified even in the case of internal strife. However, the Wendell Police will not become involved unless there is danger to public safety. That is, if a child who is considered dangerous should leave the school grounds. The Board agreed with Chief Chase that a child who attacks another child should be removed immediately from the premises and placed in other quarters; and that the school should take full responsibility for this action.

The Selectboard will write to the administrators of Lake Grove to inform them in writing of the Town's expectations of them. They, the Board members, have met with the school personnel to discuss the Town's needs but feel they have not been heard on many issues.

The Wendell Police Force meets formally about three times a year The Selectboard requested minutes be taken and votes be recorded in future. They also suggested training programs and evaluations of members would be helpful.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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On Monday afternoon, July 12, Lake Grove School requested the assistance of the Wendell, Orange and Athol State police departments.

That assistance came. It was timely and professional. The Lake Grove employees involved were moved and impressed by the demeanor and conduct of these people. We were gladdened and even inspired by their willingness to work in a team with us until resolution.

It was a gratifying experience, made even more so by the help and cooperation we met with in the community as we moved through it for nearly six hours.

To have our own unity and teamwork stretch out and get embraced by the community is an experience we will not soon forget, and one for which we are extremely grateful. Thank you.

THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF LAKE GROVE SCHOOL

# Trash Note

As the WRATS is presently making a few changes in its recycling policies, it is a good time to explain what we're doing, and why.

First the good news (from a recycling point of view): The WRATS will now accept plastics with recycling numbers 1 through 7 (we presently accept 1 and 2). The Franklin County Solid Waste District and Goodwill Industries of Greenfield have begun a six month program to recycle these materials. At the end of six months the program will be reevaluated, and some changes may be made.

The bad news is that for now the WRATS is discontinuing the collection of paper (other than newspapers, magazines, and corrugated cardboard). This means we will not take letter paper, envelopes, cereal boxes, colored paper, etc., separated from normal household trash. We have been recycling this miscellaneous paper through the Town of Orange, but they will no longer recycle paper because it is too expensive for them.

We will not give up looking for other markets for paper, but we are also thinking of ways to simplify our recycling criteria so that Wendell residents will be able to sort the paper correctly the first time through. I know that I have not always been sure which paper qualified for recycling, and which didn't. Evidently this was true of many of us, as Charles has been forced to spend most of his time sorting paper that should already have been separated. We did a cost analysis and found we are spending about $2000/yr. in re-sorting costs to save $250/yr. in tipping fees. Not only is this unwise use of money for a town with the highest tax rate in the state, but it means we are not getting other chores at the WRATS done.

I want to stress that the Board of Health does not make these changes lightly. The fact is that recycling markets are unstable, and will likely remain so for some time. On the other hand, most town residents have more important things to do with their time than learn a new set of recycling rules every few months, so we like to keep our policies relatively constant. This presents us with a problem when the market changes: do we continue to have people separate a particular item we have no market for even though we just have to compact it, in the hopes that we will find a new market quickly? (Clearly if people find out we are asking them to separate items, but we just dump then all together, our credibility will suffer). Or do we change our rules every time the market changes?

Actually, we try to pick and choose our separated waste streams carefully so that we balance between these two extremes. In the case of plastics recycling, we believe that the new program we are joining is a good one, with every hope of long-term success. Also, the Massachusetts Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield (where our newspapers, glass, and cans already go) also has an expanded program which we can switch to if the Greenfield one fails.

In the case of paper, our present policy is not working and deserves to be revamped in any case, simply because we are not getting the response we need to run an efficient program. I worked at the WRATS one Saturday myself this month and was impressed with the effort most people put into using the WRATS, so I am sure the problem is with our present policy. Therefore we have decided to start all over again, and take the time to both find a new market, as well as define what paper is to be separated out for recycling. I hope that next time we will have a more workable program.

Finally I want to thank everyone who uses the WRATS for their excellent co-operation. Recycling clearly helps us mitigate some of the environmental stresses we are imposing on our planet. Your effort makes this effort worthwhile, and it very much helps us keep costs down. Despite the greatly expanded facility at the WRATS, the Board of Health has been able to reduce or level fund the WRATS budget every year for the past five years (and often return a surplus to the town). This is only possible because of the support we get from the residents of Wendell.

Bob Leet

# Trash Cops

Life can be dirty. And then we have to clean it up. We're supposed to anyway. Some people have trouble with that because it's not as much fun, but that's tough. They can pay or perhaps connive to have others do it for them.

I had to go to the recycling-transfer station. Our truck was full after helping friends clean up a mess. It was a day's work but friends tend to get involved. Nowadays to make it less expensive, we can analyze, sort, box and pile instead of unconsciously cramming it all together into large plastic bags. It's not so bad if it's organized from the start.

It was a busy Saturday, prime time. The attendant, Marsha, patiently scrutinized our piles and helped. It was a big job but we were realistic, paying our dues. We were popular that day eliciting comments personable but teasing. "Got a bit of trash eh!" "They should-a brought the dumpster to you!" "You'll be here all day!" "How'd you get so much trash?"

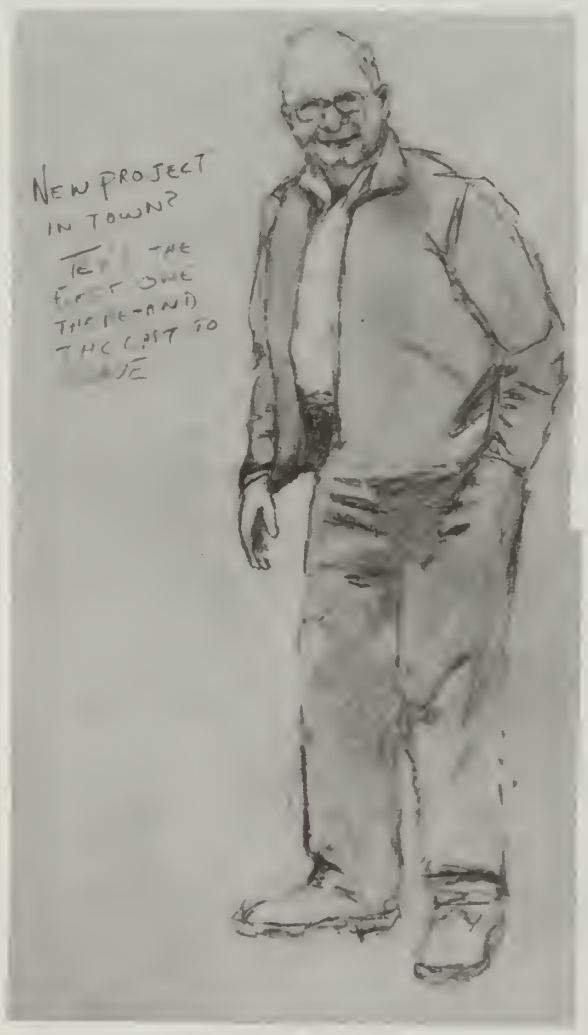
People are serious about their business, getting signed into the ledger and returning to life. True as we drive away on empty, there is an incredible levity. All of this of course is illusory. Until recycling is supported 100% we will pay for every wasted resource. Even then no one can force everyone to comply. But they can be fined &/or charged for having others sort their "trash". TRASH COPS! Seems someone needs a trash overseer. Currently there are three identified illegal dumps in town: off the power lines on Bear Mt, Sear Rd in the Depot, and the largest, which will be costly to Wendell taxpayers, on state land, off Carlton Rd. The three sites are relatively untraveled dark spots. The iron pins on a gate were destroyed so a vehicle could enter and unload in privacy as if the door were being closed on someone's toilet.

When small quantities of garbage had been located on state land, foresters took it to a dumpster at Erving St Forest and state taxpayers absorbed the cost. But this is different in that the quantity is apx. the size of a dump truck. If we can find volunteers to help Wendell FORESTERS, this refuse will be unloaded its second time at our transfer station. The Dept of Environmental Mgt. (from last bulletin) is allowing state workers and vehicles to participate in clean up. Do not be fooled into thinking that they can act quickly because repulsive messes have been unjustly dumped on their land. DEM Boston was notified months ago by foresters who were told they'd get back to them.

Some vociferous locals have been calling on DEM to be responsible sooner. Volunteer help would make the work lighter.
Date: early September

I don't know what to do about illegal dumpers. Until national packaging and recycling is made feasible for all, we will suffer here where culprits use our dark roads. I think that makes us all TRASH COPS.

Nina Keller




drawing by Jake

# Coffeehouse News

The coffeehouse committee is excited about the upcoming season at the Full Moon Coffeehouse. This year will start with the exciting guitar player Guy Van Duser in a solo performance on October 2. Guy has been astounding audiences around New England for almost 20 years now, so don't miss his first Wendell appearance. On October 30 Julia Burrough will appear, and hopefully there won't be any major storn to delay this long awaited appearance from a local favorite! On November 27 the South American group Fortaleza will make a return visit. Their show a couple of years ago is remembered as one of the finest coffeehouses ever. Come hear pan pipes, drums, flutes, charango, and many other instruments from the Andes played as only Fortaleza can. On December 18m, the Boston based storyteller Raelinda Woad will return to Wendell for a pre-holiday evening of story and music. The musicians for the night are still to be chosen. Tentatively on tap for the Spring is Bill Staines, hopefully in April. Come out and support the coffeehouse and the local organizations which we benefit each month. With such a great and loyal following, it is no wonder that the coffeehouse has become famous around the country as a venue for musicians!

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# Longer Hours!

LONGER LIBRARY HOURS
Plus Summer Reading Program for Kids

Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to local support at the Annual Town Meeting the Library is open again fifteen hours every week. (With level funding last year the Library could only afford to keep its doors open 12 hours a week.) This means that the much missed Saturday after noon hours are back! The Library is open now 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday with no midday break. For those of you who have been requesting evening hours please note on Wednesday the hours now extend from one p.m. to 8 p.m.

A summer Reading Program is also underway called "Sail on a Sea of Books." All kids Pre K to 6th grade are welcome to come to the Library to pick up a free "Summer Reader" packet which includes a Wendell historical coloring book, a Wendell Bumper Sticker, mazes and other games on paper, free or discount coupons to many local attractions and more. We ask kids to keep track of the books they read or the books that are read to them.

On Wed August 22 at 7 p.m. we will have a "Celebrate Reading Party" on the Library lawn. (inside if raining) Come dressed as a character from a book you liked. Act out a scene with a friend. Read us a chapter from a story you are writing. Show us a piece of art work you have made about a favorite book. Write a book report. Come, and share however you would like about your joys with reading. After the sharing time, we will have an ice cream social.

The Library still needs someone with carpentry skills to build shelving for the basement as well as to build or install a hand railing next to the stairs. Please consider stepping forward to help on this project. Library phone is 544-3559.

New titles at the library:

1. Sue Grafton, I is for Innocent
2. Sue Grafton, J is for Judgement
3. Barbara Kingslover, Pigs in Heaven
4. Leslea Newman, In Every Laugh a Tear
5. Maya Angelau, On the Pulse of Morning (anaugural poem)
6. Allison, Bastard Out of Carolina
7. Deloria, Waterlily
8. Subscription to Northeast Cooperatives Pricelist (donated by the Greenhills Food Buying Club: Bear Mt.; Winterberry; Rosebriar)
9. Feldman,Stories of the Spirit, Stories of the Heart
10. Terr, Too Scared to Cry: Psychic Trauma in Children

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# Harvest Festival

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beginner's warm-up at 7:30
admission: Adults $3.00
Children $1.50

POLICE LOG

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| 5/17 | B & E at Country Store |
| 5/18 | Two runaways from Maple Valley School |
| 5/21 | Loud party at Rush Road |
| 5/22 | Loose horse on Stone Road |
| 5/31 | Motor Vehicle broken into on Farley Road |
| 7/11 | B & E at Meetinghouse |
| 7/12 | Maple Valley runaway |
| 7/18 | Deer hit and killed on Depot Road |
| 7/19 | Locks Village Rd. residence report gas stolen from car |
| 7/25 | Loud party on Jennison Road |
| 7/26 | Montague Rd. resident reported obscene phone call. |
| 8/2 | B & # at Green's residence Wendell, Depot Road |
| 8/5 | Maple Valley School - Two runaways |
| 8/6 | B & E at Country Store and Meetinghouse |

Wendell Fire Dept. Fire Report

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| 7/1/93 | Brush Fire, Stone Road |
| 7/8/93 | Strucrture Fire, Pierce Res. N. Salem Rd. |
| 7/15/93 | Brush Fire, Stone Road |
| 7/18/93 | Brush Fire, B & M Railroad, Mile Marker 37 |
| 7/19/93 | Brush Fire Rekindle see above |

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Cultural Council

Fiscal Year 1994 Funding Cycle
Community Input Meeting

The deadline for submitting Local Cultural Council (LCC) and Performing Arts Student Series (PASS) grant applications will be October 15, 1993 for the Fiscal Year 1994 funding cycle. This is a statewide deadline set by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC).

The application forms and instructions will be available by early September at the Wendell Post Office, Wendell Free Library and Jake Graton's Art Studio in the Old Firehouse.

The MCC has not yet announced FY1994 LCC allocations. For the last funding cycle Wendell Cultural Council (WCC) received $2000.00, and it may be as much this year. These funds must be divided between the two above grant categores (LCC and PASS). Therefore modest budget proposals or requests for partial funding are recommended.

In late September or early October a "community input meeting" will be held by the WCC. This is a special open meeting to which community members are invited to offer comments, suggestions or other feedback on the arts, humanities and sciences in Wendell. This meeting is required by the MCC in each participating LCC community in order to give each LCC information about the cultural needs and resources of its community.

Notices will be posted in advance for this meeting in Wendell at the Post Office, Library, Country Store, Town Offices and Wendell Depot Post Office and Store. For more LCC Information, call 544-2735.

Ina Phelps, WCC

J. J. Waffles painting faces at the Country Store Welcome Party. Vic, Jr. watches.

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# WENDELL HARVEST FESTIVAL

ON THE COMMON

SUNDAY SEPT. 26

9 - 12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TOWN HALL

10 - 4 CRAFTS FAIR
ROSALIE ROSSER 544-6850

10 - 4 GARDEN & KITCHEN SHOWCASE
JEAN FORWARD 544-7502

10 - 4 LOCAL ENTERPRISE BOOTHS
ANNE DIEMAND 544-6111

YOU CAN BE PART OF IT! YEAH!

10 - 4 ART EXHIBIT & SALE
Bob ELLIS 659-3512

11 - 1 SPOTLIGHTED TALENTS & SKILLS
JONATHAN VON RANSON 544-3758

1 - 4 PICKING PARTY
. . . AND bowing, tooting, SINGING, PERCUSSING
DOUG TANNER 544-2067

10 - 4 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

2 - 4 HAYRIDE

ALL DAY
- FOOD BOOTHS
- CIDER PRESSING
- ROVING ENTERTAINERS

$7^{30}$ - 11 CONTRA DANCE TOWN HALL

# AN INTERVIEW WITH HARVE S. TFEST

Some believe the Wendell Harvest Festival is a good time for gardening types, some a pagan rite, some a reprise of Old Home Day, some even think it's just an excuse to party under fall skies. But the Wendell Post asked the one who knows, Harve S. Ttest, and learned it's really about you and me sharing what we do and make and love...and accepting the appreciation of others.

POST: What's the basic idea behind the Wendell Harvest Festival?

MR. TFEST: To take the Wendell enthusiasm for gathering together and socializing--the Wendell party energy--and getting some business transacted.

POST: What business? It sounds very serious.

MR. TFEST: The business of me buying your pies or pictures or macrame...and the business of you getting to know that I do cabinetwork. The business of connecting as poets and the business of tasting the bounty of this hilltown's gardens and orchards.

POST: Is that where "Harvest" comes in?

MR. TFEST: That's part of it. But don't take it literally. The harvest is of all we've done and all we've become. It's about the children we've had or nurtured another year, the things we built, getting our plumber's license, putting out a record, or a presentation of our work to date that our friends and neighbors can see.

POST: Getting specific, what sorts of ways might I participate in the festival?

MR. TFEST: Set up a table and lay out photos of the work you've done as a building contractor. Spread out a bunch of your pies and sell them. Get a slot in front of the mike and show & tell how you breed ladybugs. Give a demo on trick bike riding. Invite the town to your open house on a particular date. Wear a sign saying you're looking for an honest man. Drive your antique carriage in & ask the emcee to announce you're there to show it to people.

POST: The display by the contractor would go into the section of local enterprise booths. The pies would probably go alongside the pumpkins & dried flowers in the Garden & Kitchen Showcase. The breeder of ladybugs would be part of Spotlighted Talents & Skills. What categories would the trick bicyclist, or the walking personals ad or the carriage owner fit into?

MR. TFEST: The miscellaneous category. The Wendell Harvest Festival is created by the people who participate. The categories are just an attempt to prime the pump, offer a few possibilities.

POST: Could I sell my grandmother's cruet collection and conduct a raffle for the Sons of Knute and play my bagpipes?

MR. TFEST: You could take a space in the flea market section to display the cruets, then get the announcer to announce that you're selling chances for the raffle at your cruet booth. When the music makers start jamming, leave a neighbor watching the booth and get over there with your bagpipes. Work with the people there, and follow your initiative. This fair is about sharing what you've got and what you love. A good time, rain or shine.

POST: If it rains...?

MR. TFEST: We'll cope with the weather by repairing to the town hall, meetinghouse, senior center and old fire station. Just a little organizational yoga.

POST: Anything else?

MR. TFEST: Anyone or any organization interested in participating may find out more by calling one of the people listed below. Or show up that day. We'll accommodate you.

Flea Market →

Crafts fair - Rosalie Rosser, 544-6850. Garden & Kitchen Showcase, Jean Forward, 544-7502. Picking party (also bowing, tooting, singing, percussing), Doug Tanner, 544-2067. Local enterprise booths, Anne Diemand, 544-6111. Art exhibit, Bob Ellis, 659-3512. Spotlighted talents & skills, Jonathan von Ranson, 544-3758. Contra dance, Shirley White, 544-8457.

Jonathan von Ranson